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1. CANADIAN DELOFF (BEESLEY) REPORTED TO INFORMAL GROUP CONDUCTING CONSULTATIONS ON LOS CONF RULES OF PROCEDURE THAT THERE ARE POINTS OF GENERAL AGREEMENT AND DISAGREEMENT ON CENTRAL ISSUES CONTAINED IN RULE 37. ACCORDING TO BEESLEY, THERE IS AGREEMENT ON FOLLOWING ISSUES: (A) EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO REACH CONSENSUS AND VOTING SHOULD OCCUR ONLY WHEN EFFORTS EXHAUSTED; (B) DESIRABILITY OF ESTABLISHING MECHANISM TO DETERMINE WHEN TO RESORT TO VOTING, OF CREATING PERIODS OF REFLECTION (COOLING-OFF PERIODS), AND USING GENERAL COMITE (GC) IN CONSULTING PROCESS; (C) NEED TO ENVISAGE SITUATION IN EVENT OF DEFERRAL OF VOTE; AND (D) DESIRABILITY OF PRESERVING SOME DISCRETIONARY POWER FOR CONF PRESIDENT AFTER ANY VOTING DEFERRAL. AMONG POINTS OF PRONOUNCED DISAGREEMENT, BEESLEY INCLUDED FOLLOWING: (A) EXTENT TO WHICH GENTLEMEN'S AGREE-
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MENT IS TO BE REFLECTED; (B) MECHANISM TO TRIGGER VOTING

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PROCESS; (C) ROLE OF COONF OFFICERS IN CONSULTATIVE PROCESS;
(D) MANDATE OF GC; (E) LENGTH/FLEXIBILITY OF COOLING-OFF
PERIOD; AND (F) COMPOSITION OF VOTING MAJORITY.

2. BEESLEY WILL CONTINUE CONSULTATIONS IN ATTEMPT TO SEEK
COMMON GROUND AND REPORT TO SESSION 28 FEB. AMB AGUILAR, AS
CHAIRMAN OF INFORMAL GROUP, THEN URGED MEMBERS TO COMMENCE
CONSIDERATION OF RELATED RULES, IN PARTICULAR 28, 54C,
54D, 15, 38, 39, 40 AND 55.

3. JAPAN (OGISO) SPOKE FOR THEIR AMENDMENT (A/CONF.62/16)
AND NOTED ITS APPLICABILITY TO RULE 54(D). AFGHANISTAN
DELOFF FINALLY SPOKE ON BEHFAL OF GROUP OF 77 LANDLOCKED
AMENDMENT (A/CONF.62/19) WHICH INCORPORATES PART OF
GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT INTO RULES. POLAND, GREECE, FRG,
IRELAND AND SINGAPORE NOTED SUPPORT OF AFGHAN AMENDMENT;
COLOMBIA AND MADAGASCAR VOICED OPPOSITION.

4. AMERASINGHE HELD BRIEF "PLENARY" SESSION IN AFTERNOON,
REVIEWED PROGRESS, AND ANNOUNCED REMAINING TWO DAYS WOULD BE
DEVOTED TO INFORMAL VENEZUELAN GROUP'S CONSIDERATION OF
RULES RELATED TO RULE 37.
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